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up permanent cases for filing papers, for pay of engineer, fireman, and laborers; for library purposes, telegrams, and for miscellaneous items, twenty-seven thousand dollars.

NORTHERN LAKES AND SEABOARD.

For expenses of the observation and report of storms, by telegraph and signal, for the benefit of the commerce of the northern lakes and seaboard, fifteen thousand dollars.

COAST SURVEY.

For supply of new vessels for the service of the Coast Survey, sixty thousand dollars.

JUDICIAL.

For nine circuit judges of the United States, to reside in circuit, from the date of their respective commissions to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy, both inclusive, twenty-five thousand six hundred and eighty-six dollars.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

For repairing and refurnishing the President's house, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For salary of surveyor general of the Territory of Wyoming, eleven hundred and ninety-two dollars.

For the clerks in his office fifteen hundred and eighty-nine dollars.

For lighting the President's house, the Capitol, and public grounds, eight thousand dollars.

For repairs of green-house at President's house and purchase of plants, one thousand dollars.

For pay of lamp-lighter, plumbing, gas-fitting, and the like, one thousand dollars.

To pay five watchmen employed in reservation number two, one hundred and twenty dollars each, in order to make their entire pay for the current year seven hundred and twenty dollars each, six hundred dollars.

To pay John S. Willard and Company the amount due them for furniture for Treasury building, four thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

To supply deficiencies in appropriations for fuel for the Marine Corps, ten thousand dollars.

To supply deficiency in contingent appropriation, twenty-six thousand six hundred and ninety-one dollars.

NAVAL ACADEMY.

For finishing additional quarters for midshipmen, now in course of construction, as per contract entered into July thirteenth eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, thirty thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of forty-seven thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars and seventy-three cents, for expenses of the following committee of the House of Representatives of the forty-first Congress while engaged on investigations, viz: Committee on Elections, twenty-six thousand four hundred and sixty dollars and five cents; Committee on Ways and Means, five thousand seven hundred and seventy-two dollars and fifty-two cents; Committee on Foreign Affairs, six thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars and thirty cents; Committee on the Judiciary, three thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars and eight cents; Committee on the Decline of American Commerce, two thousand dollars; Committee on the Ninth Census, three thousand one hundred and forty-three dollars and seventy-eight cents; being the amounts reported by the Committee on Accounts to the House of Representatives, on the first of March, eighteen hundred and seventy, and ordered to be audited and approved, the same to be added to the miscellaneous item of the contingent fund of the House of Representatives.

Approved, April 20, 1870.

AN ACT for incorporating an Hospital for foundlings in the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That G. W. Sanborn, O. O. Howard, Z. D. Gilman, William Stickney, A. C. Richards, B. Sanderland, A. N. Ziegler, Wright Rivers, Dr. James C. Hall, David K. Carter, William B. Todd, Jr., D. W. Middleton, Geo. L. Sherill, B. B. French, Joe. E. Stettinius and John R. Arison, and such other persons as may be duly chosen, are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate, in the District of Columbia, under the name of the Washington Hospital for Foundlings, to have perpetual succession, and be capable to take, hold, and enjoy lands, tenements and personal property: Provided, That no real or personal property shall be held by said corporation, except such as may be necessary to the maintenance and efficient management of said hospital.

Approved, April 22, 1870.

AN ACT to amend the usury laws of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rate of interest upon judgments or decrees, and upon the loan or forbearance of any money, goods, or things in action, shall continue to be six dollars upon one hundred dollars for one year, and after that rate for a greater or less sum, or for a longer or shorter time, except as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That in all contracts hereafter to be made it shall be lawful for the parties to stipulate or agree in writing that the rate of ten per cent, per annum, or any less sum, of interest shall be taken and paid upon every one hundred dollars of money loaned, or in any manner due and owing from any person or corporation in this district.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That if any person or corporation in this District shall contract to receive a greater rate of interest than ten per cent, upon any contract in writing, or six per cent, upon any verbal contract, such person or corporation shall forfeit the whole of said interest so contracted to be received, and shall be entitled only to recover the principal sum due to such person or corporation.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That if any person or corporation within the district of Columbia shall directly or indirectly take or receive any greater amount of interest than is provided for in this act, upon any contract or agreement whatever, it shall be lawful for the person or his personal representative, or the corporation paying the same, to sue for and recover all the interest paid on such contract or agreement from the person or his personal representative, or from the corporation receiving such unlawful interest: Provided that the suit to recover back such interest shall be brought within one year after such unlawful interest shall be paid or taken.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to change the general laws in force in relation to banking associations organized under the act to provide a national currency secured by a pledge of United States bonds and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, approved June three, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

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AN ACT declaring the construction of "An act to incorporate the National Theological Institute," approved May tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and also "An act to amend an act entitled "An act to incorporate the National Theological Institute, and to define and extend the powers of the same," approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Whereas an act to incorporate the National Theological Institute, approved May eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and also an act to define and extend the powers of the same, approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, has [have] been misconstrued by an attempt to remove the seat of its operations to a distant locality, in direct contravention of said acts, and whereas the following-named persons, Joseph C. Lewis, Edmund Turner, John S. Pomeroy, Charles H. Morse, William T. Johnson, Lindsay Muse, William F. Nelson, George F. McLellan, Clement Robinson, M. Condron, S. Alexander, U. H. Hutchins, W. T. Wiswall, S. L. Crissey, continue to exercise their functions as the executive committee, by the authority of said corporations at its seat of operations within the said District of Columbia, according to the intention of said acts: Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that the seat of operation of the act approved May tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, which act was amended and extended by the act of March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall be, and the same is hereby located within the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent said corporation from establishing such branches without the limits of said District as may be now authorized by law.

Approved, April 22, 1870.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, that said corporation, hereby constituted, shall have power to fill vacancies in the board of directors, and to make all necessary by-laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, that the management of said hospital shall be under the control of a board of ten directors. The board of directors shall have power to appoint all officers and committees necessary to the proper administration of the affairs of the hospital.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, The first seven corporators named in the first section hereof, together with those who may be elected and appointed directors, as provided in the previous section, shall constitute the first board of directors, who shall, from their number, elect a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer; and five of the directors, including either of the above-named officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. It shall be the duty of the president and directors to report to the Secretary of the Interior the condition of said institution on the first day of July in each year.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the object of this association is to found in the city of Washington a hospital for the support of destitute and friendless children.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the foundlings received by this hospital shall be deemed and considered wholly under the guardianship, care and control of said institution, to be educated, apprenticed, or otherwise disposed of, in such manner as the directors of said hospital may, in their judgment, deem for the best interests of said children until they shall attain the age of eighteen years, when said care and control shall cease.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That the property, real and personal, held by said corporation shall be exempt from all taxes and assessments levied by authority of Congress, or of any municipal corporation within the District of Columbia. Congress may at any time alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Approved, April 22, 1870.

AN ACT to incorporate the Washington Homeopathic Medical Society.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Tullio S. Verdi, Gustave W. Pope, C. W. Sonnenschildt, E. S. Kimball, and Jehu Brainerd, and their associates and successors, physicians, be, and they hereby are, made a corporation by the name of the Washington Homeopathic Medical Society, with all the powers and privileges, and subject to all the duties, liabilities, and restrictions set forth in this act.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That said corporation may hold real and personal estate to the amount of twenty thousand dollars.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the members of said society, or such of their officers or members, [as they shall appoint], shall have power to practice medicine and surgery and collect their fees within the District of Columbia.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the members of said society, or such of their officers or members as they shall appoint, shall have full power and authority to examine all candidates for membership concerning the practice of specific medicine and surgery, provided said candidates shall sustain a good moral character, and shall present letters testimonial of their qualifications from some legally authorized medical institution; and if, upon such examination, the same candidates, without exception account of color, shall be found qualified for the practice of medicine and surgery, they shall receive the certificate of membership or the license to practice medicine or surgery within the District of Columbia.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That any acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act be, and are hereby, repealed.

Approved, April 22, 1870.

A RESOLUTION in relation to the printing, for the use of the Department of State, of additional copies of documents emanating from that department.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter, in addition to the number of copies of documents emanating from the Department of State which may be ordered to be printed by either house of Congress, it shall be the duty of the Congressional Printer to cause to be printed for the use of that department five hundred copies of every such document, when requested to do so by the Secretary of State: Provided, That the expense of the same shall in no single case exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

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